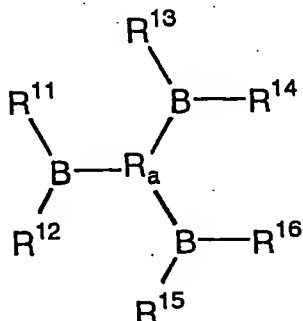


**IN THE CLAIMS:**

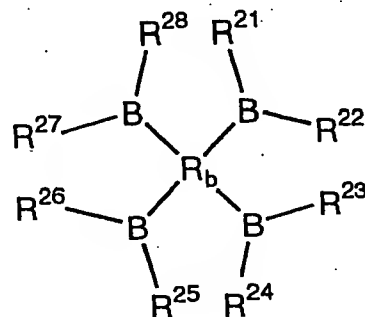
Amend claims 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 12, 13 and 14 as rewritten below with the amendments effected therein. The Appendix attached hereto contains the amended claims with the amendments indicated by brackets and underlining:

1/2. (Twice Amended) A polymeric electrolyte comprising an electrolytic salt, a polymeric compound forming a complex with the electrolytic salt and a compound having boron atoms which is one or more selected from the group consisting of compounds represented by the following general formulas (1) to (4)

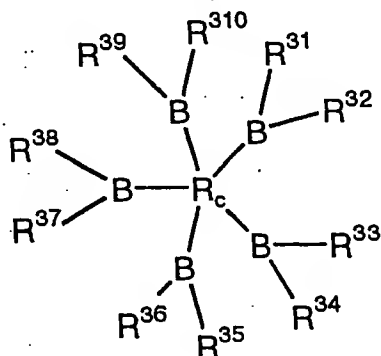
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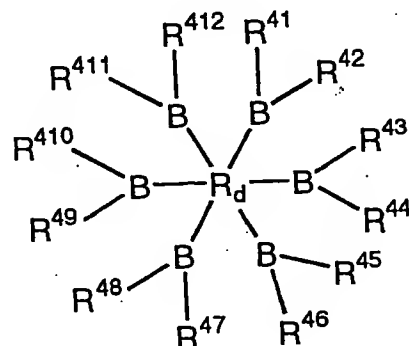
general formula (2)



general formula (3)



general formula (4)





wherein

$R^{11}, R^{12}, R^{13}, R^{14}, R^{15}$  and  $R^{16}$  in formula (1),  $R^{21}, R^{22}, R^{23}, R^{24}, R^{25}, R^{26}, R^{27}$  and  $R^{28}$  in formula (2),  $R^{31}, R^{32}, R^{33}, R^{34}, R^{35}, R^{36}, R^{37}, R^{38}, R^{39}$  and  $R^{310}$  in formula (3), and  $R^{41}, R^{42}, R^{43}, R^{44}, R^{45}, R^{46}, R^{47}, R^{48}, R^{49}, R^{410}, R^{411}$  and  $R^{412}$  in formula (4), which may be the same or different, each represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom or a monovalent group, or are bound to each other to form a ring,

$R_a$  in formula (1) represents a group having a site capable of being bound to at least 3 boron atoms which are the same or different,  $R_b$  in formula (2) represents a group having a site capable of being bound to at least 4 boron atoms which are the same or different,  $R_c$  in formula (3) represents a group having a site capable of being bound to at least 5 boron atoms which are the same or different, and  $R_d$  in formula (4) represents a group having a site capable of being bound to at least 6 boron atoms which are the same or different.

3/4. (Twice Amended) The polymeric electrolyte according to claim 2 or 3, wherein the polymeric compound is one or more selected from the group consisting of a polyalkylene, a polyether, a polyester, a polyamine, a polyimide, a polyurethane, a polysulfide, a polyphosphazene, a polysiloxane, derivatives thereof, copolymers thereof and crosslinked products thereof.



<sup>4</sup>  
~~5~~ (Twice Amended) The polymeric electrolyte according to claim <sup>1</sup>~~2~~ or <sup>2</sup>~~3~~, wherein the polymeric compound is one or more selected from the group consisting of a polyalkylene oxide, polyvinylidene fluoride, polyhexafluoropropylene, polyacrylonitrile, polymethyl methacrylate, derivatives thereof, copolymers thereof and crosslinked products thereof.

<sup>5</sup>  
~~6~~ (Twice Amended) The polymeric electrolyte according to claim <sup>1</sup>~~2~~ or <sup>2</sup>~~3~~, wherein the electrolytic salt is a metallic salt.

<sup>6</sup>  
~~7~~ (Twice Amended) The polymeric electrolyte according to claim <sup>1</sup>~~2~~ or <sup>2</sup>~~3~~, further comprising a nonaqueous solvent.

<sup>11</sup>  
~~12~~ (Twice Amended) The polymeric electrolyte according to claim <sup>1</sup>~~2~~ or <sup>2</sup>~~3~~, wherein the molar ratio of the compound having boron atoms to the electrolytic salt is 0.1:100 to 300:100.

<sup>12</sup>  
~~13~~ (Twice Amended) An electric device comprising the polymeric electrolyte according to claim <sup>1</sup>~~2~~ or <sup>2</sup>~~3~~.



*13* 14. (Twice Amended) A cell comprising a positive electrode, a negative electrode and the polymeric electrolyte according to claim <sup>1</sup>~~2~~ or <sup>2</sup>~~3~~, said electrodes being linked through said electrolyte.

Cancel claim ~~1~~.

### REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's holding in the Office Action that claims 2, 3, 5, 11 and 15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In this connection, claim 1 has now been canceled, claim 2, formerly dependent from claim 1, has been amended to be in independent form and to recite all the limitations of claim 1, and claims 4, 5, 6, 9, 12, 13 and 14, formerly dependent from any one of claims 1 to 3, have each been amended to depend from claim 2 or 3.

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claim 13 has been objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as constituting "double patenting" in that it is allegedly a substantial duplicate of claim 14. However, this objection is respectfully traversed since these claims are not in fact